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Washington, D.C.THE FALL FOOD ACRE.

To Farmers, Bankers and Business Men in the South:

The splendid response of the Southern farmers to the appeals made for increasing food production during the war has been a source of great satisfaction to the leaders of the food campaign and to the country in general. Much encouragement and financial aid has been given to the Government and State forces in the work by business men, bankers and railroad men throughout this section.

In order to keep up the interest and utilize every possible opportunity to assist and offer helpful suggestions along this line, I am writing this letter to all the people in the Southern territory, urging the importance of planting a FALL FOOD ACRE for every farm. With the longer growing season in this territory, valuable food crops may be planted during July and August which will mature in the fall and early winter. At least one acre of good land can be found on every farm upon which to grow these crops. If the soil is properly prepared and care is exercised in selecting the crops, much valuable feedstuff for the home and for the livestock can be made at comparatively little expense. The object of the FALL FOOD ACRE is to provide food for the family and feed for the livestock during the fall and early winter without using from spring planted crops or using from the stock preserved during the summer for winter use. The average farm family should plant for a full family supply but not for market. Only such crops should be planted as may be harvested and utilized without extra expense for canning, preserving, etc.

The following suggestions for the territory below the southern boundary of Tennessee are offered. These may be modified to suit local conditions or personal preferences. For the convenience of division a square acre of land is used in this plan:

NAME OF CROP	NO. OF ROWS	AMOUNT OF SEED	TIME TO PLANT
String Beans	2	2 qts	Aug. 1st to Sept. 1st
Peas	2	3 "	Aug. 1st to Sept. 1st
Beets	2	6 oz.	July and August
Carrots	2	4 "	August and September
Cabbage	4	1 "	Bed July & Aug set Sept
Onions	2	4 "	September and October
Potatoes (Irish)	10	2 bu.	July and August
Spinach	4	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	September and October
Kale	2	1 oz.	August and September
Collards	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	Bed July & Aug set Sept

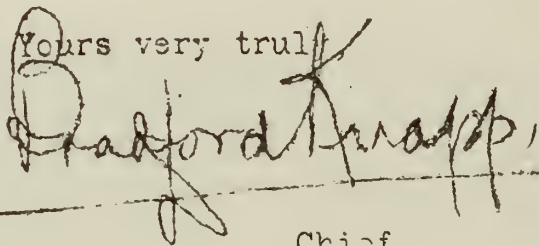
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If all the above is planted, 4/7 of an acre would be left, which can be planted during August and September to such crops as turnips, rutabagas and rape, either in rows or broadcasted.

Southern seed houses are being asked to put up packages of selected seed for the FALL FOOD ACRE. These packages will be small in bulk and can be sold at moderate prices. Bankers and business men can perform a service of real value to their communities and to their country by ordering FALL FOOD ACRE seed packages in quantities and distributing them to the farmers in their communities at cost. Where arrangements can not be made to secure those packages already put up, the farmers themselves can order the seed from the plan suggested above.

I hope that every County Agent and every business man throughout the Southern country will get interested in this plan at once and demonstrate to the people how much can be done to relieve the food situation on the farm on one acre of ground.

Yours very truly

  
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Chief.